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SUBJECT: ZAPATA OCEAN RESOURCES CORPORATION/ZAPATA FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT CORP.

1. RFA FOLSOM HAS LETTER WRITTEN BY JAMES K. JENNINGS, JR.,
PRESIDENT, ZAPATA OCEAN RESOURCES CORPORATION, 2000
SOUTHWEST TOWER, HOUSTON, TEXAS, 77002 (TEL: 713-222-9051)
TO NORMAN L. PEASE. LETTER INDICATED ZAPATA'S INTEREST IN
MAURITANIAN FISHERIES.

2. RFA FOLSOM MET WITH AMBASSADOR HOLSEY GATES HANDYSIDE,
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FOR MAURITANIA, DURING STATE DEPARTMENT
BRIEFINGS. AMBASSADOR HANDYSIDE INDICATED HIS INTEREST IN
ATTRACTING QUALIFIED U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY TO MAURITANIA.

3. IN VIEW OF TWO PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH
JOINT FISHERY VENTURES IN MAURITANIA BY U.S. FIRMS, AND
IN VIEW OF ZAPATA'S REPORTED DIFFICULTIES IN SAME FIELD,
RFA WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ZAPATA FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT CORP. BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION. DATA
ON FIRM'S ABILITY IN FISHING, PROCESSING, EXPORTING,
MARKETING AND FINANCIAL STATUS WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. RFA WILL CONTACT FIRM IF NMFS DIRECTIVES INDICATE
RELIABILITY OF FIRM AND WILL ENCOURAGE ZAPATA TO MAINTAIN
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INTEREST IN MAURITANIAN FISHERIES. RFA WILL STRESS NEED

FOR CLOSE COORDINATION WITH AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT IN ANY
FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS NEED FOR REPEATED VISITS
TO GAIN CONFIDENCE OF LOCAL OFFICIALS.
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